

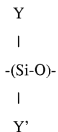
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

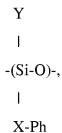
Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A foam control composition comprising a liquid polyisobutene having a molecular weight in the range 200 to 1500, a branched siloxane resin, a particulate filler which is insoluble in the liquid polyisobutene, and a non-polar organic polyol ester having a melting point of 35 to 100°C which is a polyol substantially fully selected from (i) a glycerol triester or a diester of a glycol which is esterified by carboxylate groups each having 7 to 36 carbon atoms and at least 90% of the hydroxyl groups of the glycerol triester or diester of glycol are esterified, (ii) an ester of pentaerythritol or an ester of sorbitol esterified by carboxylate groups each having 7 to 36 carbon atoms and at least 70% of the hydroxyl groups of the ester of pentaerythritol or ester of sorbitol are esterified, or (iii) mixtures of non-polar organic polyol esters having melting points of 35 to 100°C.
2. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The foam control composition according to Claim 1 wherein the liquid polyisobutene has a molecular weight in the range 200 to 500 and the branched siloxane resin is soluble in the liquid polyisobutene.
3. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The foam control composition according to Claim 1 wherein the branched siloxane resin consists of monovalent trihydrocarbonsiloxy (M) groups of the formula $R''_3SiO_{1/2}$ and tetrafunctional (Q) groups $SiO_{4/2}$ wherein R'' denotes an alkyl group and the number ratio of M groups to Q groups is in the range 0.4:1 to 1.1:1.
4. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The foam control composition according to Claim 1 wherein the particulate filler is a silica filler with an average particle size of from 0.5 to 30 μ m.
5. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The foam control composition according to Claim 1 wherein the foam control composition is substantially free of polydiorganosiloxane fluid.

6. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The foam control composition according to Claim 1 wherein the composition further comprises 10 to 100% by weight based on the liquid hydrocarbon polymer of a polysiloxane fluid comprising at least 10% diorganosiloxane units of the formula



and up to 90% diorganosiloxane units of the formula



wherein X denotes a divalent aliphatic organic group bonded to silicon through a carbon atom; Ph denotes an aromatic group; Y denotes an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and Y' denotes an aliphatic hydrocarbon group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms.

7. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The foam control composition according to Claim 1 wherein the composition further comprises a surfactant.

8. (canceled).

9. (canceled).

10. (canceled).

11. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a water-dispersible foam control composition comprising dispersing in a water-dispersible carrier a foam control composition comprising a liquid polyisobutene having a molecular weight in the range 200 to 1500, a branched siloxane resin, a particulate filler which is insoluble in the liquid polyisobutene, and a non-polar organic polyol ester having a melting point of 35 to 100°C which is a polyol substantially fully selected from (i) a glycerol triester or a diester of a glycol which is esterified by carboxylate groups each having 7 to 36 carbon atoms and at least 90% of the hydroxyl groups of the glycerol triester or diester of glycol are esterified, (ii) an ester of pentaerythritol or an ester of sorbitol esterified by carboxylate groups each having 7 to 36 carbon atoms and at least 70% of the hydroxyl groups of the ester of pentaerythritol or ester of sorbitol are esterified, or (iii) mixtures of non-polar organic polyol esters having melting points of 35 to 100°C.

12. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a granulated foam control agent comprising depositing onto a particulate carrier a foam control composition comprising a liquid polyisobutene having a molecular weight in the range 200 to 1500, a branched siloxane resin, a particulate filler which is insoluble in the liquid polyisobutene, and a non-polar organic polyol ester having a melting point of 35 to 100°C which is a polyol substantially fully selected from (i) a glycerol triester or a diester of a glycol which is esterified by carboxylate groups each having 7 to 36 carbon atoms and at least 90% of the hydroxyl groups of the glycerol triester or diester of glycol are esterified, (ii) an ester of pentaerythritol or an ester of sorbitol esterified by carboxylate groups each having 7 to 36 carbon atoms and at least 70% of the hydroxyl groups of the ester of pentaerythritol or ester of sorbitol are esterified, or (iii) mixtures of non-polar organic polyol esters having melting points of 35 to 100°C.

13. (currently amended) A The method according to Claim 12 wherein the method further comprises depositing a water-soluble or water-dispersible binder onto the particulate carrier.

14. (new) The foam control composition according to Claim 1 wherein the non-polar organic polyol ester having a melting point of 35 to 100°C is a glycerol triester which is esterified by carboxylate groups each having 7 to 36 carbon atoms and at least 90% of the hydroxyl groups of the polyol are esterified.

15. (new) The foam control composition according to Claim 14 wherein the glycerol triester is glycerol tripalmitate, glycerol tristearate, or glycerol triesters of saturated carboxylic acids having 20 or 22 carbon atoms.

16. (new) The foam control composition according to Claim 1 wherein the non-polar organic polyol ester having a melting point of 35 to 100°C is an ester of pentaerythritol esterified by carboxylate groups each having 7 to 36 carbon atoms and at least 70% of the hydroxyl groups of the polyol are esterified.

17. (new) The foam control composition according to Claim 16 wherein the ester of pentaerythritol is selected from pentaerythritol tetrabehenate or pentaerythritol tetrastearate.

18. (new) The foam control composition according to Claim 1, wherein the non-polar organic polyol ester having a melting point of 35 to 100°C is a mixture of non-polar organic polyol esters having melting points of 35 to 100°C selected from a mixture of glycerol tristearate and glycerol tripalmitate, a mixture of glycerol tripalmitate and a glycerol triester of a saturated carboxylic acid having 20 or 22 carbon atoms, or a mixture of ethylene glycol distearate and a glycerol triester of a saturated carboxylic acid having 20 or 22 carbon atoms.

19. (new) The foam control composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a component which contains groups selected from unesterified alcohol groups, unesterified -COOH groups, amide groups, or amino groups.

20. (new) The foam control composition according to Claim 19, wherein the component which contains groups more polar than the groups present in the non-polar organic polyol ester having a melting point of 35 to 100°C is selected from ethoxylated fatty acids, ethoxylated alkyl phenols, monoesters or diesters of glycerol and a carboxylic acid having 8 to 30 carbon atoms, alkyl phenols having one or more alkyl substituent and containing a total of 6 to 12 carbon atoms in the alkyl substituent or substituents attached to the phenol nucleus, fatty acids having 8 to 36 carbon atoms, monoamides of fatty acids having 12 to 36 carbon atoms, or alkyl amines having 8 to 30 carbon atoms.

21. (new) The foam control composition according to Claim 19, wherein the component which contains groups more polar than the groups present in the non-polar organic polyol ester having a melting point of 35 to 100°C is selected from glycerol monostearate, sorbitan monostearate, glycerol monolaurate, glycerol distearate, octylphenol, nonylphenol, di(t-butyl)phenol, stearic acid, palmitic acid, behenic acid, oleic acid, 12-hydroxystearic acid, or stearamide.